

REMARKS

Claims 1, 6, 8, 10–13, 16-19, 25–28, 35-39, 41, and 42 are pending in the present application. Of these, Claims 1 and 28 have been amended, Claims 25-27, 35-38, 41, and 42 have been canceled, and no claims have been added, leaving Claims 1, 6, 8, 10–13, 16-19, 28, and 39 for consideration upon entry of the Amendment. A request for continued examination under 37 C.F.R. 1.114, and a petition for extension of time for 1 month, were submitted in the previous Response filed on November 2, 2009.

Discussion with Examiner (Cheung) on January 7, 2010

A brief telephone discussion was held, at the Examiner's initiation, on January 7, 2010 to discuss defects in the claim set provided with the response filed on November 2, 2009. Specifically, the Examiner noted that the characters denoting temperature in Claims 1 and 10, in degrees centigrade, were not shown but were replaced with a generic box symbol. Applicants sincerely apologize for the error, which is an inadvertent typographical/clerical error; the font for the symbol for degrees centigrade used in the claims is different (Batang) from the font used in the text of the claims (Times New Roman), and the character in question was inadvertently changed to a generic placeholder character (i.e., the square character) during conversion of the document for upload.

Applicants have therefore included herewith the correct claim set showing all the amendments previously submitted on November 2, 2009, and clearly showing that temperature is in units of degrees centigrade (°C) in Claim 1, line 17 and in Claim 10, line 3. No other changes have been made to the claims. Support for this replacement claim set can be found in the claim set filed prior to that filed on November 2, 2009 (i.e., in the Response to Final Office Action filed on October 13, 2009), which clearly shows the correct characters for degrees centigrade in Claim 1, line 17, and in Claim 10, line 3. As the symbols for degrees centigrade were not canceled from the previous claim set dated November 2, 2009 by strike-through, and should therefore not have been entered/removed, Applicants believe the claim set provided herewith, which shows the correct characters, should address the deficiencies of the previous claim set of November 2, 2009 by making the claims compliant with the claim set entered on

October 13, 2009 and previous claim sets.

Applicants also note that support for the temperatures expressed in degrees centigrade (°C) in instant Claims 1 and 10 can be found in the Application as originally filed at least on p. 17, line 23 to p. 18, line 2, and in the Examples therein, and therefore do not introduce new matter.

Applicants also wish to sincerely thank the Examiner for the indication that the claims, so amended, would be allowable if corrected to show all proper characters for temperature. Reconsideration and entry of the above correct claims in place of those submitted on November 2, 2009, and allowance of the claims, is respectfully requested.

Amended Claims

Applicants herewith reaffirm the intended amendments to the claims, based on the claim set filed originally on October 13, 2009.

Claim 1 has been amended without prejudice to remove the broader limitations to the precatalyst of Chemical Formula 1, and the broader description to the first and second cocatalysts, and to include limitations to: precatalysts Pd(acetylacetonate)₂ and Pd(acetate)₂ of Claim 25, canceled herewith, and the precatalyst (allyl)Pd(acetylacetonate) of Claim 42, canceled herewith; a first cocatalyst tricyclohexylphosphine of Claim 26, canceled herewith; and a second cocatalyst of dimethylanilinium tetrakis(pentafluorophenyl)borate of Claim 27, canceled herewith.

Claim 28 has also been amended to correctly depend from Claim 1.

Reconsideration and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested based upon the above amendments and the remarks provided in the Response filed November 2, 2009.

It is believed that the foregoing amendments and remarks fully comply with the Office Action and that the claims herein should now be allowable to Applicants. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections and allowance of the case are respectfully requested.

If there are any additional charges with respect to this Amendment or otherwise,
please charge them to Deposit Account No. 06-1130.

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